

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 5 77 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590

REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

WN-16J

Alan Keller, P.E.
Manager, Permit Section
Division of Water Pollution Control
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
1021 North Grand Avenue East
P.O. Box 19276
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276

Re: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Review of NPDES Permit No. ILR40; Discharges from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems

Dear Mr. Keller:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has reviewed the subject National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit, which was public noticed June 9, 2014. The draft permit on the Illinois EPA website does not include Attachment H, the standard permit conditions. An electronic file with the Attachment H conditions was emailed to Region 5 staff during the public comment period. Based on our review of the draft permit, including Attachment H, EPA would not object to issuance of this permit. However, our position could change if any of the following occurs:

- a. Prior to the actual date of issuance of the permit, an effluent guideline or standard is promulgated which is applicable to the permit and which would require revision or modification of a limitation or condition set forth in the draft permit;
- b. A variance is granted and the permit is modified to incorporate the results of that variance;
- c. There are additional revisions to be incorporated into the permit which have not been agreed to by EPA; or
- d. EPA learns of new information, including as the result of public comments, which causes EPA to reconsider its position.

Subject to the above conditions, the permit may be issued in accordance with the Memorandum of Agreement and pursuant to the Clean Water Act.

Although we currently do not intend to object to the issuance of this permit, EPA requests that you consider and address the comments provided in Enclosure A, which would strengthen or clarify certain permit provisions. EPA staff also emailed to you on June 19, 2014 suggested editorial changes that we recommend for this permit.

When the permit is issued, please forward a copy of the permit to this office at the above address, or transmit a copy via e-mail to Bob Newport of the NPDES Programs Branch. If you have any questions related to EPA's review, please contact Bob Newport or Brian Bell. Bob can be reached by telephone at (312) 886-1513 or by e-mail at newport.bob@epa.gov.

Thank you for your work on this permit.

Sincerely,

Kevin M. Pierard, Chief NPDES Programs Branch

Enclosure

bcc: Pat Kuefler

 $G: \label{lem:condition} G: \label{lem:condition} G: \label{lem:condition} Working\ Documents \label{lem:condition} Permit\ Reviews \label{lem:condition} ILR40 - GP\ ILR40\ No\ Objection\ Ltr.docx$